

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN MUSLIM DOMINATED AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to set up primary schools in muslim dominated areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the specific plans of the Government to provide education in Urdu alongwith the steps taken to put in place to ensure that the dropout rates are brought under control?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 9501 primary schools and 10875 upper primary schools have been sanctioned in Minority Concentration Districts from 2006-07 to 2009-10.

(c) Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance for Appointment of Language Teachers, the Central Government provides financial assistance to State Governments for appointment of Urdu teachers in schools.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyaya (KGBV) Scheme provides for appointment of two Urdu teachers in the KGBVs located in the educationally backward blocks with Muslim population above 20%.

The main schemes being implemented to reduce dropout rates and universalize elementary education are the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Mid-day Meal Scheme, which have been provided with central budgetary support of Rs. 13100 crore and Rs. 7359 crore respectively in 2009-10.